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Subject: Re: Proposal to Remove Labels from Irradiated Foods
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Sir or Madam:

There are many surprises in the world of medicine, including cases where it seems the mechanisms and the laboratory testing are perfectly understood. Please do not remove labels from irradiated foods until enough years of experience are gained to show that it is a medically safe (or, heaven forbid, unsafe) process. If you do not remove them, sceptics will be allowed to avoid irradiated foods if they wish; if you do, all will be obliged to consume these foods and must, against their will, suffer any untoward consequences. The latter situation would be unfair, even if worry about consuming irradiated foods should prove in the long run to be a false concern; but it would be much worse than unfair if the concern should prove prescient. Removal can in any case be of no benefit to anyone except producers. Why support the far, far smaller number of the latter over the vast majority of involved people?

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